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NASHVILLE –Tennessee’s October unemployment rate of 4.5 percent, up fourth-tenths of a percentage point over the month, was released on November 15. County unemployment rates released today showed that 78 county rates were up, 14 county rates were down, and three remained unchanged over the month.

Williamson County at 2.3 percent, up from 2.1 percent, registered the state’s lowest county unemployment rate. Gibson County at 10.2 percent, up from 8.3 percent, reported the state’s highest jobless rate.

The October unemployment rate in Knox County was 2.5 percent, up from 2.3 percent. Davidson County was 3.1 percent, up from 2.8 percent, while Hamilton County also reported 3.1 percent, up from 2.8 percent in September. Shelby County reported the highest metropolitan rate, 4.3 percent, up from 3.9 percent.

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NOTE: Information will be available on the Internet; enter http://www.state.tn.us/labor-wfd/labor_figures.

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